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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office action of 11/26/2004, setting a three month shortened statutory period of reply, please consider the following remarks.

Claims 1-18 and 21-44 are pending in the application. No claims are presently allowed. Claim 26 has been objected to, but has been held to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-7, 13-18, 22-25, and 27-44 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Joyce, Jr. et al., US 5,292,559 in view of Bills et al., US 5,308,737, in further view of Baer et al., US 6,495,195 and Mayer, US 6,159,832.

Claim 1 is directed to a method of creating a microarray by laser deposition. Laser energy desorbs a portion of a composite at a defined target location on a target substrate. The composite comprises a mixture of matrix material and transfer material. The desorbed composite is deposited onto a receiving substrate.

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